Widening of NH-8

2563. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the approval of the project for widening the National Highway between Vadodara and Surat on NH-8 is still awaited from Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time-bound programme for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The concession for 2 projects for widening of National Highway No. 8 to six lane between Vadodara to Bharuch and Bharuch to Surat having total length of 148 km has been signed in July, 2006 on Built, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The project is targeted for completion by July, 2009.

Road accidents on NHs

2564. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing road accidents of National Highways all over India;

(b) if so, the steps Government are contemplating in this regard; and

(c) the details of casualties on said NHs during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the report by the States/UTs, the number of road accidents on National Highways during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are as under:—

Year	Road Accidents
2003	127834
2004	130265
2005	129994

(b) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for the road users which are as under:

(i) It is ensured that road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country.

(vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) P roviding cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/ NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation and Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(c) As per the report by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of persons killed in the road accidents on National Highways during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise number of persons killed on National Highways during the years 2003-2005

States/UTs.	2003	2004	2005
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	2948	3423	3284
Arunachal Pradesh	45	67	7
Assam	719	870	1041
Bihar	1165	592	749
Chhattisgarh	643	631	814
Goa	99	142	112

1	2	3	4
Gujarat	1479	1631	1474
Haryana	1298	1321	1309
Himachal Pradesh	263	280	296
Jammu and Kashmir	294	350	306
J h a r k h a nd	809	856	847
Karnataka	2132	2425	2467
Kerala	1149	1196	1216
Madhya Pradesh	1578	1475	1005
Maharashtra	3168	3135	3193
Manipur	84	53	102
Meghalaya	122	87	73
Mizoram	41	36	19
Nagaland	23	36	18
Orissa	1155	1353	1051
Punjab	1155	1047	1217
Rajasthan	2615	2672	2734
Sikkim	8	16	16
Tamil Nadu	4426	4158	3659
Tripura	69	77	103
Uttaranchal	266	425	492
Uttar Pradesh	3240	3860	5040
West Bengal	1732	2113	2365
A & N Islands	NIL	NIL	NIL
Chandigarh	24	22	28
D and N Haveli	NIL	NIL	–
Daman and Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
Delhi	302	276	274
Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	–
Pondicherry	102	98	128
TOTAL:	33153	34723	35439